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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Michael Borin	1631	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5,8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4 IDSs
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response filed 03/14/2006 is acknowledged. Applicant amended specification to provide definition of abbreviation Hppa and points out that a derivative having hydroxyphenylpropionic acid is disclosed at p. 30 of Sequence Listing.

Consequently, rejections of record are withdrawn and the following new grounds of rejections are applied.

Per initial election of species, Applicant has elected Hppa derivative of hGLP-1(7-36)-NH₂ listed in claim 7. Insofar as the elected compounds have been found to be neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art, the Examiner has extended his search to include other species of claim 7, and upon establishing that the species of claim 7 are free of prior art, to species of claim 8. The following rejection addresses N-Me-Ala⁸ and N-Me-Gly⁸ derivatives of hGLP-1(7-36)-NH₂. Claims reading on the selected species are 1-5,8.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-5, 8, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Buckley et al. (US Patent 5,545,618) and Galloway et al. (EP 733644 A1).

Claim 8 recites the following related derivatives of hGLP-1(7-36)-NH₂:





Buckley and Galloway teach biologically-active hGLP-1 analogs and their pharmaceutical compositions. Buckley teaches that truncation of GLP-1 to 7-34, 7-35, 7-36 or 7-37 fragments does not alter its biological activity. Ala⁸ is the residue in position 8 in natural GLP-1 (see col. 2, bottom). This Ala residue can be replaced with an alternative small neutral amino acid residue, such as Gly (see col.3, line 25, and Fig.1). Also, the residue in 8-th position may be either in L- or D-configuration (see col. 3, lines 35-37). Galloway teaches that Ala or Gly, as well as *α*-methyl Ala⁸ are preferred residues in 8-th position. See p. 4, lines 37-54.

The references do not teach N-Me derivatives of Ala⁸-hGLP-1(7-36)-NH₂, Ala⁸-hGLP-1(7-36)-NH₂, or Gly⁸-hGLP-1(7-36)-NH₂, as instantly claimed. Within the context of chemistry, unsubstituted compounds are similar to their homologue, lower alkyl (e.g., methyl) substituted compounds in the physical properties, and, because of their structural similarity, it is generally predictive that their chemical properties will be similar. Because the adjacent homologs, lower alkyl compounds - N(lower alkyl)-, would be expected to have similar physical and chemical properties as unsubstituted (-NH-) compounds, a high degree of predictability in producing a compound having the same physical and chemical properties would be expected when substituting H for lower alkyl group in a large compound. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the preferred Ala⁸ or Gly⁸ GLP-1 analogs of Buckley or Galloway such that NH- group is replaced by N-

Me group. Since one of ordinary skill in the art of pharmaceutical chemistry would have expected that such modification would not change the properties of a compound in a significant way, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to make such a modification so as to obtain another preferred compound with the activity disclosed in Buckley and Galloway.

Conclusion.

No claims are allowed.

Claim 7 is novel and unobvious over the prior art of record or any combination thereof. The prior art of record does not teach or suggest hGLP-1(7-36)-NH₂ derivatives claimed in claim 7.

Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Borin whose telephone number is (571) 272-0713. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571) 272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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